

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12-15, 25, 27, 29, 32, and 33 are pending in the application, with claims 4, 25, 27, and 32 being the independent claims. Claim 27 is sought to be amended. Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 16-24, 26, 28, 30, and 31 were previously cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the amended and/or cancelled claims, in the future. Specification is sought to be amended as shown above. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Statement of Substance of Examiner Conversation

The Examiner, Muriel Tinkler, is thanked for her time during telephonic conversations with Applicant's representative Amirali Sharifi, supervised by Jason D. Eisenberg, on March 16, 2011 and March 21, 2011. During the telephonic conversation of March 16, 2011, the Examiner stated that she would discuss the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections with a primary Examiner. During the telephonic conversation of March 21, 2011, the Examiner indicated that after her discussion with the primary Examiner, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections would be withdrawn upon filing of a Reply. This agreement is reflected in the Examiner-Initiated

Interview Summary mailed March 22, 2011¹. As noted in the Interview Summary, the Examiner requested that a formal response to the Office Action be filed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12-15, 25, and 29¹ were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Based on the Interview Summary noted above, the Examiner indicated that after her discussion with her primary Examiner, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections will be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections and pass the claims to allowance.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed claims.

¹ The Office Action, on page 2, states that claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12-15, 25, 27, 29, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. However, the detailed discussion of the alleged rejection does not discuss claims 27, 32, and 33. Further, the Office Action, on pages 1 and 3 indicates that claims 27, 32, and 33 are allowed. Accordingly, Applicants only address alleged rejection of claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12-15, 25, and 29.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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